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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BRAZIL BY PERUVIAN FONMIN ANGEL DE LA FLOR

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 25, PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR CALLED ON PRESIDENT GEISEL AND HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN SILVEIRA ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECT, MOST BILATERAL. IN SEPTEMBER, THE PERU/BRAZIL MIXED COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR GREATER PERUVIAN EXPORTS OF NON-FERROUS METALS TO BRAZIL AND COMPARABLY GREATER BRAZILIAN EXPORTS TO PERU. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, DE LA FLOR EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL, BUT A GOB OFFICIAL SAID PERU HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. DE LA FLOR

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AND SILVEIRA REAFFIRMED THEIR IDENTIFICATION WITH THE THIRD

WORLD. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT DE LA FLOR AGREED WITH BRAZIL THAT SELA SHOULD NOT BE AN INSTRUMENT OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE US. FONMIN'S PERUVIAN DESK OFFICER BELIEVES BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WITH PERU ARE IMPROVING SLOWLY EVEN THOUGH PERU IS "DRUNK WITH RHETORIC". IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, A PERUVIAN DIPLOMAT WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND HE MINIMIZED IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT ANY MEANINGFUL RAPPROCHEMENT WILL BE SLOW IN COMING AND THAT THE TOUCHSTONE ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHILE. END SUMMARY.

2. RETURNING TO SOUTH AMERICA AFTER A SWING THROUGH ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES, PERUVIAN FONMIN MIGUEL ANGEL DE LA FLOR VISITED BRASILIA ON JULY 25 AND DEPARTED FOR LIMA THE NEXT DAY. THE UNOFFICIAL VISIT STARTED WITH A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT GEISEL AFTER WHICH FONMIN SILVEIRA ENTERTAINED DE LA FLOR AT A LUNCH. LATER THE TWO MET TO DISCUSS BILATERAL SUBJECTS (THE GOB'S MAIN INTEREST, ACCORDING TO A FONMIN OFFICIAL), THE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS, WORLD INFLATION, NIEO, SELA, CUBA, PANAMA CANAL, AND OTHER SUBJECT. AFTERWARDS, THEY ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT EXPRESSING COMPLETE AGREEMENT ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF INTENSIFYING BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AS WELL AS ON EXPANDING TRADE. THE STATEMENT ALSO SAID THAT DE LA FLOR HAD EXTENDED, AND SILVEIRA HAD ACCEPTED, AN INVITATION TO VISIT LIMA.

3. MIXED COMMISSION: COPPER, OIL, TRADE. THE STATEMENT NOTED THAT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE PERU/BRAZIL MIXED COMMISSION WOULD MEET IN LIMA DURING SEPTEMBER TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED PERUVIAN EXPORTS TO BRAZIL OF NON-FERROUS METALS AND FOR A COMPARABLE INCREASE IN BRAZIL'S EXPORTS TO PERU. SOME NEWS REPORTS REFERRED TO \$80 MILLION IN EXPANDED BRAZILIAN IMPORTS OF PERUVIAN COPPER, AND TO GREATER BRAZILIAN EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES.

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4. NUCLEAR COOPERATION: TO NEWS REPORTS, GOB SOURCES SAID THAT PERU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. PERU, THESE SOURCES SAID, IS A POTENTIAL BRAZILIAN CLIENT FOR ENRICHED URANIUM ANOTHER NUCLEAR PRODUCTS. FONMIN'S NUCLEAR SPECIALIST TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO READ THE REPORT SINCE PERU HAS PROPOSED NOTHING SPECIFIC IN THIS AREA. HE NOTED, HOWEVER,

THAT BRAZIL IS OPEN TO PROPOSALS FOR COORDINATION  
WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

5. PRESS REPORTS QUOTED DE LA FLOR AS SAYING THAT  
PERU IS OBSERVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRAZILIAN  
GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT VERY CLOSELY, AND THAT PERU  
HAS NO REASON NOT TO SUPPORT IT IF, AS HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED,  
THE AGREEMENT HAS PEACEFUL ENDS. FONMIN'S  
PERUVIAN DSK OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT PERU MIGHT HAVE  
SOME CONCERNS ABOUT BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM BUT THEY  
HAVE NOT BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE GOB.

6. THIRD WORLD ISSUES AND SELA: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS:  
-- AT THE LUNCH FOR DE LA FLOR, SILVEIRA CONDEMNED A WORLD POWER  
EQUILIBRIUM WHICH DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
MAJORITY, REPUDIATED PROTECTIONISM BY DC'S, AND APPEALED  
FOR BETTER TRADE PREFERENCES.  
-- DE LA FLOR COMPLIMENTED BRAZIL ON BEING "PERFECTLY  
THIRD-WORLDEST."  
-- BOTH MINISTERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SCHEMES TO  
DEFEND AND STABILIZE PRIMARY PRODUCT PRICES AND FOR  
CORRECTIVE MONETARY MEASURES TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL  
RESOURCES FOR LDC'S: THEY FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT  
BRAZIL AND PERU ARE IN THE VANGUARD OF COUNTRIES CLAIMING  
BETTER INTERNATIONAL TREATMENT FOR LDC'S, INCLUDING  
SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER NATURAL RESOURCES.  
-- SILVEIRA REFERRED TO BRAZIL'S "UNALTERABLE CONVICTIONS"  
ON LAW-OF-THE-SEA ISSUES.  
-- DE LA FLOR SAID PERU FAVORS SELA BUT RECOMMENDS A  
CAREFUL ANALYSIS TO ENSURE THAT ITS OBJECTIVES RESPOND  
TO LA PECULARITIES. HE ADDED THAT PERU DOES NOT WANT  
SELA TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE  
US. SELA'S PURPOSE, IN HIS VIEW, IS TO DEFEND RAW  
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MATERIALS PRICES AND LA WEALTH.  
-- DE LA FLOR CONFIRMED THAT BRAZIL WOULD BE AN OBSERVER AT THE  
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA LATER THIS MONTH.

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7. FONMIN'S PERUVIAN DESK OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT, IN HIS VIEW, DESPITE THE EXTENSIVE THRID WORLD RHETORIC, BRAZIL HAS GONE ABOUT AS FAR LEFT IN MULTILATERAL BODIES AS IT CAN GO CONSISTENT WITH THE GOB'S OVERALL, FUNDAMENTAL DIRECTION: AND PERU, AS A THIRD WORLD PROSELYTIZER, RECOGNIZES THIS.

8. BILATERAL RELATIONS: AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, DE LA FLOR REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT, "DESPITE SOME PROBLEMS AFTER THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION BEGAN, PERU NOW VIEWS BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WITH SERIOUSNESS AND ENTHUSIASM. A NEW PHASE IN RELATIONS IS BEING REFLECTED IN THE EXCHANGES OF IDEAS IN THE MIXED COMMISSION." FONMIN DESK OFFICER  
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EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF THAT RELATIONS WITH PERU HAVE NOT BEEN WARM: IN FACT, THEY HAVE BEEN ALMOST NON-EXISTENT EXCEPT FOR A LOW LEVEL OF TRADE (BRAZIL'S EXPORTS TO PERU WERE \$57 MILLION IN 1974). RELATIONS HVE SLOWLY IMPROVED, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF A) PERU'S GROWING MODERATION, B) ITS PERCEPTION OF BRAZIL AS

A POSSIBLE "PARTNER," MAINLY IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE,  
C) BRAZIL'S HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN THE PACIFIC SIDE  
OF LA, AND D) BRAZIL'S PATIENCE WITH PERU. HE  
CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS AS GOOD IN THE SENSE THAT  
PERU HAS FEWER PROBLEMS WITH BRAZIL THAN WITH HER  
OTHERNEIGHBORS. NONETHELESS, HE BELIEVES THAT  
PERU IS "DRUNK WITH RHETORIC AND WITH DREAMS OF  
SHCEMES WHICH IT CANNOT IMPLEMENT. THE PERUVIANS  
ARE ALWAYS SAYING THAT THEY ARE THE GREAT MEN OF THE  
WORLD."

9. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, PERUVIAN  
DCM HERE TOOK AN ENTHUSIASTIC LINE, FORESEEING  
INCREASED PERUVIAN EXPORTS TO BRAZIL AND GREATER CO-  
OPERATION IN THE AMAZON BORDER AREA. HE MINIMIZED  
IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AS CONTAINABLE AND SEPARATE FROM  
THE MANY COMMON POSITIONS ON WORLD  
ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE  
BRAZILIAN STANCE AND EVEN RESPONSIVENESS ON THESE  
ISSUES. HE ALSO SAID BOTH COUNTRIES FAVORED SELA,  
ALTHOUGH THE GOB IS APPRECIABLY MORE RESERVED  
THAN THE GOP. A MEMBER OF SILVEIRA'S STAFF AGREED  
THAT PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE WERE  
GOOD: HE SAID BRAZIL HS SOME MARGIN FOR INCREASED  
COPPER IMPORTS WITHOUT DAMAGE TO CHILE. HE SAID  
THE VISIT WAS PART OF BRAZIL'S "FRONTIER POLICY,"  
ITS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUING EFFORT TO FOSTER  
ECONOMIC, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS INTEGRATION  
BETWEEN BRAZIL AND EACH OF ITS NEIGHBORS.  
"INTERNAL REACTION" (I.E., HARD-LINERS IN BRAZIL)  
UNDERSTOOD THE PRAGMATIC BASIS FOR THE VISIT AND  
HAD NO OBJECTION, THE OFFICIAL CONTENTED.

10. COMMENT: THE VISIT AND ITS AURA OF GOOD FEELING  
MUST HAVE SEEMED A LITTLE STRANGE TO THOSE OBSERVERS  
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CONSCIOUS OF THE COMBINATION OF MYSTIFICATIONS  
AND DISDAIN WITH WHICH BRAZIL'S MILITARY LEADERS  
HAVE SINCE 1968 REGARDED THEIR PERUVIAN COUNTERPARTS --  
AND THE WELL-KNOWN AND OFTEN EXPRESSED  
SUSPICIONS AND DISTRUST OF SENIOR PERUVIAN OFFICIALS  
TOWARD THE GOB. THE VISIT AND ITS SUBSTANTIAL PRESS  
COVERAGE ALSO POINTED UP THE FACT THAT PERU IS  
REALLY NOT MUCH IN THE NEWS HERE, EXCEPT FOR CONSISTENTLY  
NEGATIVE PRESS COVERAGE BY THE ESTADO DE  
SAO PAULO. VARIOUS FACTORS COMBINE TO SUPPORT  
SOME IMPROVEMENT IN PERUVIAN-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS:  
THE VERY LONGEVITY OF THE PERUVIAN REGIME, THE  
ABOVE-MENTIONED "FRONTIER POLICY", AND THE MANY

COMMON POSITIONS ON WORLD ECONOMIC ISSUES. WE  
NEVERTHELESS ESTIMATE THAT ANY MEANINGFUL RAPPROCHEMENT  
WILL BE SLOW IN COMING,AND THAT THE TOUCHSTONE  
ISSUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHILE.  
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